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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: LAO INTERNAL TALKS: TWENTY- FIFTH SESSION

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

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1 . FOR FIRST TIME SINCE OCTOBER 17 , REGULAR TUESDAY
PLENARY SESSION OF LAO INTERNAL TALKS SCHEDULED FOR
TODAY WAS CANCELLED, AT REQUEST OF RLG DEL CHIEF
NGON SANANIKONE. FOREGOING WAS LEARNED BY EMBOFF
MARCH 2 IN DISCUSSION WITH LPF DEL DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
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TAIO SOUK VONGSAK AT SOCIAL EVENT. SOUK SAID THAT LPF AGREED TO CANCELLATION TO PERMIT DEL CHIEFS NGON AND PHOUN TO CONTINUE DAILY PRIVATE MEETINGS IN EFFORT TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. ASKED WHY LPF HAD NOT BUCKLED DOWN TO NEGOTIATING FORMATION OF COALITION GOVT DURING 30- DAY PERIOD LP HAD DEMANDED BE SPECIFIED IN VIENTIANE AGREEMENT, TIAO SOUK REPLIED: " THAT QUESTION DOES NOT DEPEND ON LPF." HE ADDED THAT: " OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS AT PRESENT TIME ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE." HOWEVER, HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT COALITION GOVT WAS ONLY ONE ISSUED IN TOTAL PACKAGE PROTOCOL TABLED BY LPF WHICH COVERED ALL POLITICAL AND MILITARY QUESTIONS. TIAO SOUK' S REMARKS WERE DELIVERED WITH SEVERAL OTHER DIPLOMATS PRESENT AND THUS REPRESENT PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF LPF INSISTENCE THAT AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED ON TOTAL PACKAGE PROTOCOL BEFORE PGNU CAN BE FORMED.
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